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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 52, 54-66, 68-79, 81-83, and 111-119 will be pending in this application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 54-65, 68-69, 75, 77-79, and 81 have been amended. Claims 95-99 have been canceled. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of claims 52, 54-66, 68-79, 81-83, and 111-119 are respectfully requested.

Claims 54, 55, 68, 69, and 81 are objected due to informalities relating to lack of antecedent basis. Claims 54, 55, 68, 69, and 81 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 54-65, 75, and 77-79 have also been amended to recite a "computer-readable medium" instead of a "system" because these claims all depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 52, which is directed to a "computer-readable medium." The amendments were made for reasons unrelated to patentability. Entry of the amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 52, 55-59, 61-66, 69-73, 75-82, 95-98, 111, 113, 114, and 116 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,408) in view of Moriyama (U.S. Patent No. 5,889,746) in view of Kitsukawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,282,713). Claims 54, 68, 83, and 99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

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Kaiser, Moriyama, Kitsukawa, and Blackketter (U.S. Patent No. 6,415,438). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Independent claim 52 recites "a sixth data structure element storing image overlay data for a plurality of objects in the video frame." The Examiner relies on FIG. 5, labels 521-529 and column 8, lines 23-26 of Kitsukawa et al. for a teaching of this limitation. Applicant respectfully submits that although the portion of Kitsukawa cited by the Examiner discloses a program scene providing advertising information for numerous items present in the program scene as indicated by the displayed advertising marks with labels 521-529, nothing in Kitsukawa teaches or suggests "a sixth data structure element storing image overlay data for a plurality of objects in the video frame" as is recited in claim 52 (Emphasis added). Accordingly, claim 52 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 66 recites "creating a sixth data structure element storing image overlay data representing a plurality of objects in the video frame." (Emphasis added). Claim 66 is therefore also in condition for allowance.

Claims 95-99 and 117-119 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims have been obviated.

Claims 54-65, 68-79, 81-83, and 111-116 are in condition for allowance because they depend on an allowable base claim, and for the limitations that they contain.

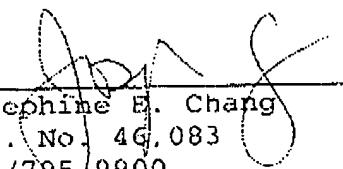
With respect to claims 113, 116, and 119, the Examiner acknowledges that both Kaiser and Kitsukawa are silent on a plurality of objects being "visually identified in sequence in response to one or more user commands." However, the Examiner

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takes Official Notice that "sequencing through objects in response to user commands is well known." Applicant considers the claimed visual identification in a video hyperlinked annotation data system is novel and unobvious. Applicant therefore respectfully traverses this assertion by the Examiner and requests that the Examiner cite a reference in support of its position pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2144.03.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of the now-pending claims 52, 54-66, 68-79, 81-83, and 111-119.

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